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Letter dated 5 August 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 5 October 2001 (S/2001/960) in which I proposed, and the Security Council subsequently approved (S/2001/961), the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) from 31 December 2001 until 31 December 2002.

During the year 2002, as members of the Council are aware, UNOGBIS has continued to carry out its activities in support of the Government's peace-building efforts. In his letter to me of 17 July 2002, President Kumba Yalá commended the role of UNOGBIS in the ongoing peace-building process, and requested the extension of its mandate until 31 December 2003 to allow the Office to continue its activities in support of the country's stabilization efforts, especially in the areas of economic reconstruction and growth.

Bearing in mind the constructive role UNOGBIS has played so far in helping the Government to meet its multiple challenges, I propose that the mandate of UNOGBIS, which expires at the end of 2002, be extended until 31 December 2003.

This extension will allow UNOGBIS, in close cooperation with other entities of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, to contribute further to the consolidation of the democratic gains in Guinea-Bissau, to help its people lay the foundations for durable peace and sustainable development and to strengthen the country's friendly relations with its neighbours.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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